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Foreword.

* **Light frosts expected tonight.** Freezing temperatures will overspread New England tomorrow. Continued cold, Southern States suffer with worst cold snap in history. Florida citrus fruits ruined by frosts/ One of the worst Blizzards in New England history is taking place. Traffic tied up for days" Such have been the headlines this winter, but, from all of this, we emerge with the coming of Spring and are glad to hear the Weather Forecast something like this. " Fair and warmer with increasing cloudiness tonight or tomorrow, clearing late tomorrow. Light West to Southwest winds." Why are we glad? Because it means that Winter is over and we, like bears and other hibernating animals, will stretch our arms and legs, breathe deeply, and say, "Isn't this a lovely day, so sunny and warm."

Of course when this metamorphosis takes place, we immediately start to think of our gardens and wonder how they have stood the winter. It has, as a matter of fact, been a good winter for plants. One which will encourage all of to want to enlarge our gardens and borders and generally improve our home grounds.

In the following pages of this catalogue you will find listed first, Sweet Peas. The cultural directions are not difficult to follow and last year here, I picked them from the last of May nearly through July. I wish you would try them.

Next comes the list of Annuals. There are some very carefully chosen ones, being picked from the Garden Magazines such as House and Garden, American Home and others. Of course there are those which nearly everyone enjoys every year. Due to European conditions, some of the seeds are scarce making the plants fewer in quantity but not in quality, so send in your orders early.

The Perennials are next listed which are strong field-grown plants ready to bloom for you in your garden. You will find some of the new things which I know you will want to try. A sowing is being made at this time of more, so that in the Fall you may purchase some of the introductions of last year.

THE GARDENCRAFT SHOP will be open the last of April to supply you with your garden implements and sundries as well as seeds, containers for your flowers and other items necessary to the discriminating gardener.

I have been pleased to note during the winter while attending various lectures at different Garden Clubs, that the speakers have used many of the vases and flower holders which I have carried in stock for some time. Before you buy, won't you stop and see what I have to save buying them in New York or Boston. New shipments from all parts of the world are coming in all the time and will be ready for you to inspect when you come in.

Also the GARDENCRAFT SHOP is a grand place to talk over the ever present garden problems. I will be happy to discuss them with you and help you make and changes you desire.

Drive in at THE GARDENCRAFT SHOP on the Post Road
Route #1, Wickford, R. I. Located just south of the State Police
Barracks, or one mile North of Wickford village.

SWINE PEAS.

Gigantic--White.

Ambition- Rosy Lavender.

Matchless- Deep Cream.

Warrior- Deep Maroon.

Maytime-Golden Corina,

Lady Ruffles- Soft Pink,

Royal Purple. Rich purple.

Highlander- Deep Lavender.

Just a word about the varieties of Sweet Peas this year. The colors above are the very best as to non-fading and keeping qualities that can be purchased. They are colors that will be delightful to have in any mixed bouquet as they will not clash. They are the best possible for outdoor growing.,having been tested by an excellent seed house.

The cultural directions are as follows: First let me say that there are three plants in a pot,so that buying a dozen means really three dozen plants. When you plant them do not separate the individual plants but plant the whole contents of each pot. In this way you will be assured of strong,bushy plants,better to withstand our New England weather.

Almost any good garden soil will do with a little extra preparation. Never plant them in the same place twice unless you are certain that there are no contagious diseases near them. For a double row which is best,dig a trench two feet wide and about 12 to 18 inches deep.When replacing soil,work in plenty of humus in the form of well rotted manure.Also add a little lime to sweeten the soil. Tamp the soil well to insure against air pockets which might form. When you set the plants,firm them down well for the same reason. Loosen the roots a little that they can get food to grow on as soon as possible.Plant 8 to 10 inches apart,staggering the row. Water well,when planting and be sure they get no chance to dry out excessively. They like plenty of water. An application of Nicotine solution once a week will prevent Aphids from appearing,but if they do,spray more often. Place supports before planting so that the tendrils will have something to grasp and start climbing. They should bloom the early part of Summer if proper care is taken of them and they get plenty of water.

Per pot - 15 ¢

Per dozen - \$1.50

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ANNUALS FOR 1940.

DOZ.

- Ageratum fraseri- A true blue variety that will not fade in the summer. The best kind to be grown for borders and outline work. .60
- ALYSSUM-Carpet of Snow. A lovely little plant with white flowers for the border. Fragrant and appealing to the " dirt gardener." .35
- A. Lilac Queen. A slightly more dwarf variety of the above with lavender flowers,the color deepening in the fall. .35
- ANTIRRHINUM-Snapdragon. The colors listed below are fine ones,being tried here last summer. They are the tall growing sorts and more desirable to most of us who like to cut them. They are also good for display purposes in the border or formal garden. About 3 ft.
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| Bronze | Coral Pink | Crimson | Orange | Purple | |
| Sulphur | White | and an excellent mixture. | | | .35 |
- ASTER- American Branching. A fine sort for cutting and arranging. It seems the more you cut,the more there are.Start to bloom the first of August continuing until September. 1½ to 2 ft.
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| Purple | Rosalie,deep rose. | Sample pink,sh all. | White and mixed. | .35 |
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Annuals Con't.

ALL. F. Giant Sunshine-	Tall upright habit, 2½-3 ft Fine for cutting. Flowers often measure 4-5 inches across. Long stiff stems. They may be used in borders too.	DOZ.
A. Dark blue.	Yellow center	.35
A. Lavender.	Lemon yellow center	.35
A. Salmon pink.	creamy yellow center.	.35
A. White.	Large lemon center.	.35
BROWALLIA elata blue-	Splendid for outdoor cutting and growing. Plants are bushy blooming until frost. Stocky plants. Make a stiff bouquet more graceful. 2 ft.	.35
CACALIA coccinea-	Thistle flower. Small thistle-like flowers of vivid orange-scarlet. Good stems for cutting. Table decorations and miniature arrangements. 2½ ft.	.35
CALENDULA-	Pot Marigold. One of the most useful annuals for cutting and display. Average height 1 ft.	
C. Gold.	Upright habit, long stemmed golden yellow.	.35
C. Orange.	A good sort with double rich orange flowers.	.35
C. Yellow Queen.	Large double flowers of clear lemon color.	.35
CANNATION Early French-	Lovely large blossoms on stiff wiry stems 15-18 inches tall. Fragrant. Separate colors.	
C. Crimson	C. Pink C. White Yellow and mixed	.35
CENTAURFA Cyanus-Bachelor's Button.	Popular cut flowers that will grow anywhere. About 2½ ft. Nice in Old fashioned bouquets. Double flowers. May need staking in windy locality.	
C. Maroon	C. Blue C. Pink C. White	.35
COSMOS sensation-	For cutting and display. Blooms during July and Oct. Flowers 4-5 in. across. Fluted petals. Grows about 4 ft. tall	
C. Pinkie-	A lovely sun-fast pink	.35
C. Purity-	A pure white	.35
CYNOGLOSSUM Firmament-	NEW. Awarded certificate of Merit last year. Many articles about it in Garden magazines. Very free flowering and compact. Cutting. 15-20 inches	.35
DAHLIAS-	Why bother with expensive Dahlias in tubers when you can buy fine plants from seed this year for your cutting and display purposes. I have the tall and dwarf sorts. The colors are separate and mixed. Truly nice plants that will bloom about August 15, continuing until taken by frost.	
D. Coltness-	Dwarf form with single flowers, about 1½ ft. Colors are; Crimson, Rose, White, Yellow.	
D. Semi-Double Charm.	A choice mixture of fine colors. 3 ft.	
D. Single mixed.	English type. 4-4½ ft. Soft colors.	
	Prices of all the above in individual wood bands	.60
DYMORPHOTHECA aurantiaca hybrids-	African Daisy. Blooms all summer, making good bushy plants. Cutting, borders. 1 ft.	.35
GERANIUMS-	Plants will be ready for Memorial Day in good condition and ready to keep blooming. Two shades of pink, one light, one dark. True colors with no trace of magenta. Orders taken for the filling of pans.	Price per plant .35
HELIOTROPE-	The true sweet scented type which is so popular with us all, and we all love. Nice strong plants ready to bloom in your garden. If stems are placed in hot water for a few minutes, when cutting them, they will not wilt. Same is true of Dahlias	Price per plant .30
HERBS-	I will have for sale the following herbs. They may be used in drinks as Chervil, Thyme, and Anise. Others may be used in soups and sauces, as, Sage, Basil, Burnet, Dill, and Summer Savory. Canaway is used in cookies, and Horehound is made into candy, very delicious it is too. Hops are more ornamental than useful as it is difficult to prepare them. They make a nice vine for a screen in summer.	
	ANNUAL SORTS 50 ¢ per Doz. Perennial sorts each .40 ¢	

ANNUALS CONT.

PHLOX Drummondii- Annual Phlox. Fine cut flower, blooming all summer	DOZ.
Brilliant colors. Display 1 ft.	
P. Violet Blue. With attractive white eye in center.	.35
P. White. Fine large heads of snow white.	.35
P. Yellow. Buff yellow or straw color.	.35
P. Mixed. A mixture of many colors, noted for clear distinct colorings.	.35
POPPIES- Single annual mixed. Soft pastel colors. Easily transplanted	.35
PORTULACA- Double and single mixed. Good for dry situations	
Many and varied colors in each mixture.	.35
SALPIGLOSSIS- Painted tongue. Cutting, bedding, borders and garden display.	
Many grand colors in mixture. Most satisfactory for many uses.	.35
SALVIA- farinacea- Dark to powdery blue flowers borne along the stems	
making a spike. Grand for cutting and display. Keeps very well when cut.	
Graceful in arrangements. 2½ to 3 ft.	.35
SCABIOSA- Pincushion flower. Large heads of small florets being awfully nice	
for cutting. Borders. 2½ ft.	.35
SCHIZANTHUS- Elegant free flowering annuals for bedding. About 1½ ft.	
Mixed shades and colors.	
S. Blue and purple shades. Blue, mauve and purple.	.35
S. Dr. Badger's hybrids. Very large blooms Mixed.	.35
STOCK- Delightfully fragrant annuals. Display and cutting. 2½ ft. Will	
bloom all summer. Will stand light frosts. In fine mixed colors only	.50
VERBENA grandiflora- Display and cutting. Borders and rockeries. 8-10 in.	
Lovely colors in, Apple blossom. Lavender glory. Spectrum red.	.35
ZINNIA- Dahlia flowered giants. Large flowering type. One of our old stand-	
ards for general garden work. Simply swell for cutting with excellent	
keeping qualities. The following are the most satisfactory colors;	
Canary Bird, clear yellow. Dream, dark lavender.	
Old Rose, shades of old rose. Polar Bear, Pure white.	
Scarlet Flame, Deep scarlet.	.35

PERENNIALS FOR 1940.

ACHILLEA Ptarmica- Yellow. 2ft. Clusters of pure white flowers.	
June until frost. Nice for cutting, borders.	EACH
AJUGA reptans- 4 in. Dark foliage, changing color to purple in the	.25
fall. Small flower spikes of purple.	.30
ALYSSUM citrinum- Lemon alyssum for rockeries and walls. 6-8 in.	
Grey foliage. Blooms in May. Short stems.	.30
ANCHUSA Italica Dropmore- Bugloss. Grand tall specimen for the border.	
Can be cut. Long spikes of flowers 2-3 ft. Blooms June.	.30
ANTENNARIA dioica- False tobacco. Low growing plant with grey foliage	
and flowers. 6 in. Rock gardens. Blooms June.	.25
AQUILEGIA- Columbine. These plants are strong and healthy. Nice for	
cutting and display. 2-3 ft. Many colors. June-August. Long and	
short spurred varieties.	
A. White queen Long spurred pure white. Fragrant.	.30
A. Coerulea. Deep blue with white inner petals.	.30
A. Hybrids. Shades of yellow through Orange.	.30
ARABIS- Wallcress. Rockeries, edging, massing and walls. Spring blooming	
6 in. White. Pink.	.30
ARTEMESIA S. King- Grey foliage plant for cutting and arrangements.	
About 2 ft. Fine leaves. No flowers. Very fine in used in a heavy	
arrangement for lightening. Can be dried for fall use.	.30
A. Frigida- 18 in. Finely cut foliage. Can be clipped as hedge. Grey.	.30

PERENNIALS CONT.

ASTER- King George. About 3 ft. Light blue daisy like flowers along a stiff stem. Cutting.Borders. Blooms late fall.	EACH .30
A.Wartburg Star. Height 2 ft. Giant flowering. Bright lavender blue with yellow center. Cutting. Borders.	.30
AUBRETIA- Rockeries, Walls, Edging, Massing etc. Blooms during the Spring in April and May. 4-6 in.	.30
A.Violet. Exquisite shades of deep lavender.	.30
A. Rose Shades. Fine assortment of colors in Pink.	.30
BAPTISIA- False Indigo. For display, it is garnd.Blue pea shaped flowers similar to Lupin. 4 ft. May-July.	.30
BOLTONIA asteroides- False starwort. Blooms Aug- Oct. Fine aster like flowers.Graceful.Color pink. 5 ft. Borders.	.30
CAMPANULA garganica- Lovely sort for the rockery garden. 3-4 inches. Pale blue flowers. Blooms June-July.	.30
C. Grandis blue beauty. Large cup shaped flowers.Pale blue. A very choice herbaceous plant. 2 ft.	.30
CEPHALARIA tartarica- For perennial borders and cutting.Large scabiosa like flowers borne on long stems. 4-5 ft.	.30
CERASTIUM tomentosum- Snow in Summer. June-July.Grey foliage,white flowers in profusion. 4-6 inches.	.30
COREOPSIS lanceolata- Large single yellow flowers on ling stems blooming for a long time. June-July. 2½ ft.	.30
CHRYSANTHEMUM white queen- Larhe white flowers on ling stems. 2½ - 3 ft. Cutting and display. June- July.	.30
DELPHINIUM chinense- A loose spray type. 2 ft. Finely cut foliage. Graceful in arrangements.Keeps well.Borders. Display. Has second blooming. Colors White. Blue.	.30
DIANTHUS granaticus- Flowers popping from a dense carpet of leaves,in profusion. pink. 6 in. Flowers May-June.	.30
D. Knappi- Yellow flowers opening alternately.Long stems Cutting 8-10 inches. June-July.	.30
D.Sylvia-Clove pinks. Pink and white. June 8 inches	.30
DIGITALIS gloxineaflora- Foxglove. Majestic and graceful subjects for borders.Semi-shade,dampness they love. 3 ft. white.Pink.Mottled. Blooms June-July.	.30
ECHINOPS retro. Globe thistle. Round flower heads on stems something like thistle.Prickely. Cutting.Borders.Steel blue color,Bees like them very much. 2-3 ft.	.30
ERYNGIUM amethystinum- Seaholly. Stiff stems and foliage.Blue flowers Blue on stems, lue at flow er head. Mid blue color.1½ ft. Fine for cutting , Can be dried and color retained.	.30
EUPHORBIA mersinities- Mistflower. Only about 4 inches. Trailing habit. Large heads of yellow flowers.Gray-green foliage changing to reds and purples in the Fall.	.30
GAILLARDIA Bergundy- The ideal all red Gaillardia.Deep color. 2 ft. Excellent in borders and as a cut flower.	.30
G. Dazzler. Same form and uses as above. Color Red and yellow.	.30
G. Giant yellow. Yellow form, large flowers	.30
HEUCHERA sanguinea- Coral Bells. Vermillion red.Plants 4 inches. Flowers to 9-10 inches.Cutting.Rockerias.	.30
H. White. Improved white form of H.Sanguinea.	.30
HELIANTHEMUM- Mixed. ROCKROSE. For rockeries.Leaves small narrow. Flowers soft colors. inch across. Blooms July-October.	.30
IBERIS sempervirens- Pure white form. 8 inches. Cutting	.30

PERENNIALS CONT.

IRIS-	I have many choice colors of these plants which are not commonly seen. They have been well selected and are ready for transplanting now. The clumps are good and healthy. You may choose colors later and I will notify you when they are ready to move. They are all named varieties, some of them not mentioned in catalogues around the East.	EACH
	Price range. 35c	.75
I. Pumila-	Yellow and purple colors. Separate. Dwarf.	.25
LIATRIS scariosa-	Rayfeather. Deep lavender showy flowers, borne on long spikes. Borders. Cutting. 3 ft. Blooms August.	.30
LYSOMACHIA-	Goose neck Loosestrife. White panicles of flowers on spiky heads. Yellow Green foliage. June	.25
NEPETA mussina-	Catmint family. An herb by all merits. Pungent foliage when crushed. Pleasing. Blue flowers in head like form. Grey green foliage. Blooms June-July. 6 inches.	.30
N. nervosa-	Clear light blue. 12 inches. Mid summer to Autumn.	
	Some prefer it to N. Mussini	.30
PAPVER-	Iceland Poppies. Lovely subjects for the flower border. Shades of pink, orange, white and yellow. Foliage similar to large ones but smaller. 16-25 inches.	.30
PENSTEMON Coral beauty-	Beardtongue. Beautiful and uncommon flowers. Deep coral bells. 2½ ft. Blooms summer.	.30
PHLOX Sublata-	Moss phlox. Pink and White. One of the first things to bloom in the Spring. cheerful. 6 in. Walls and borders.	.25
PLATYCODON.	Balloon flower. Very large blue flowers. 2 ft.	.30
SAGE-	One of the most popular herbs. Used for seasoning of all kinds of fowl. Dried, it may be stored indefinitely.	.30
SALVIA Violet.	A fine shade of dark violet purple. Dark green leaves, close to ground. 2 ft. Summer to Fall.	.30
S. Azurea.	Similar to S. farinacea. 3 ft. July.	.30
S. Sweet scented.	Spikes of fine lavender flowers that are fragrant. Good hardt perennial. height 18 inches.	.30
SEDUM-	For walls, rockeries and borders. 4-8 inches. Spring.	
S. Rupestris-	Close growing. Dark green. Minute yellow flowers.	.30
S. Stoloniferum.	Monkey tail sedum. Stems curl over.	.25
S. Acre.	Yellow foliage. Close growing. Rock walls.	.25
S. hens and Chickens-	Cactus like growth.	.25
STACHYS lanata-	Lamb's ear. Valuable silvery foliage, useful for grey borders and edging. Will always remain neat in growth if flower spikes are cut off.	.30
TUNICA saxifraga-	Slender foliage with innumerable tiny starlike flowers, pale pink in color. 4-5 inches. July to September.	.25
VERONICA longifolia-	Loose growing spikes of flowers on fairly long stems. Cutting, borders. June. 2½ ft.	.30
V. maritima.	More erect form of above.	.30
V. Repens.	Very low growing. Light blue flowers in mat like clusters. Very effective in walls. 3 inches.	.25
VIOLA lutea splendens.	Bright yellow, all pure color. Will bloom most of summer. Compact growth. 6 inches.	.25
V. avalanche-	Pure white flowers somewhat smaller than the above but with many flowers at a time. 5 in.	.25
V. Jersey Gem.-	These will be ready around the first of June and will bloom later in the Summer. Next year they will start to bloom in the early summer and will continue all the season.	.30

I would like to call your attention to a plant this is not commonly known but one which all garden lovers would want if they knew about it.

It is DORONICUM, Bunch of Gold. It begins blooming in June forming fine clumps 2-3 ft. tall. They produce masses of bright Gerbera like flowers. They are splendid subjects for borders and are excellent for cutting and display. They certainly lend a bright spot in the garden.

I would like each of my customers to try one plant and see for yourselves just how fine they are. Priced at .30 ¢ each.

VEGETABLE PLANTS.

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For your home garden I have a fine assortment of vegetable plants that will please you as to quality.

Will have in 3 inch wood bans the following varieties of Tomato plants. Break O' Day, Marglobe, New York State, and the new Tomato Stokesdale.

In the small fruited tomatoes for salads and decoration there will be Red Cherry, Red Pear, Yellow Pear, and Yellow Plum. Another fine tomato is the Italian Pear, excellent flavor, size about that of an egg. Fine for salads.

Peppers in varieties of Earliest, Wonder, and Oskosh a sweet yellow variety. Egg Plants. The new New Hampshire Hybrid, very early and the old standby Long Island Purple. Egg Plant sliced, dipped in cream and sprinkled with bread crumbs and baked in the oven are just grand.

Green Acre cabbage, and Snow Ball cauliflower should be in every garden. It is fine for salads, and it is now popular to eat cauliflower headlets raw.

Without parsley we would be lost in serving, as it is a necessary decoration to many a dish. Health authorities tell us that not many years hence its vitamine qualities will see its increased use as a cooked vegetable. Plants will be in bands ready to set in your garden. Our variety is Paramount, the best dark green curled. Other vegetable plants may be added to the list.

It is easy to buy plants this way, and what fun it is to be able to pick your own fresh vegetables, with a little surplus to give to a friend.

With present world conditions a vegetable garden will cut down materially on the market bill.

CUT FLOWERS.

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When you desire cut flowers for any occasion, come to the Italian Flower Cart at the GARDENCRAFT SHOP and make your own selection.

The flowers are cut daily from my own gardens and represent a wide range of colors and varieties. Old fashioned nosegays and special mixed bouquets may be obtained on order.

I make a specialty of sweet peas which everyone loves and will be in season during June and most of July.

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